

I. INTRODUCTION

Beginning November 1, 1999, I became the Leadership Development Counselor at the Trenton Central High School and Dunn Middle School. As a counselor for TCHS and DMS, I am responsible for counseling in the areas of careers, academics, and personal. I am also responsible for assisting students with college and financial aid applications.

I was able to accomplish my responsibilities as a counselor through home visits, follow-ups, and counseling sessions.

CONTACTS:

1. Priscilla Dawson- TCHS Principal
2. Hector Bonilla- TCHS Vice Principal
3. Chris DeJesus- Junior 1 Vice Principal
4. Jose Laureano- Academic Counselor Rutgers College Educational Opportunity Program
5. Jose Morales- PHD Rutgers University
6. Kenny Rogers- Mercer County Community College- Project Smile
7. Aida Ramirez- TCHS Spanish Teacher
8. Roberto Cordero- TCHS Guidance Counselor
9. Lourdes Ochoa- TCHS Guidance Counselor
10. Edna J. Margolin- TCHS Vice Principal
11. Harry Luna- Latino Chamber of Commerce
12. Ernest J. Hilton- Dunn Middle School Principal
13. Gloria Hernandez- Dunn Middle School Spanish Teacher
14. Mr. LaGrassa- Dunn Middle School Vice Principal
15. Ivette Santiago-Green Esq. - Attorney
16. Nelly Pou- Assembly Woman
17. Raul Rudy Garcia- Assembly Man
18. Rosa Figueroa- Community Affairs Specialist
19. Leticia Acevedo- Puerto Rico Federal Affairs
20. Luis Medina- Latino Law Enforcement Organization
21. Marta Vargas- CEO El Barrio Museum at New York

II. HIGHLIGHTS

1. ASPIRA Charter Day Celebration, Newark, New Jersey, November 18, 1999, 17 students attended. It was held in the Crystal Ball Room in Newark where awards were given out to students.
2. ASPIRA Dinner at Cocina Criolla, Trenton, New Jersey, January 14, 2000, 18 students attended. This dinner was given to the TCHS students. A token of appreciation for their time and efforts put forth into the ASPIRA club.
3. ASPIRA Talent Show, Trenton, New Jersey, May 5, 2000, 27 students attended. This event showcased all of the talent that the Aspirantes of TCHS have. This event was held in the TCHS auditorium and it turned out to be a success. The evening ended with the students presenting Mrs. Martinez and Ms. Gonzalez with a plaque to show appreciation for all that they have done for the students.

III. CASELOAD DATA

The beginning caseload for the 1999 – 2000 academic year totaled 195 students. Of this number 95 or 49% of active caseload were males and 100 or 51% were females.

-The ethnicity number and percentage of the total cumulative active caseload is as follows:

- 130 or 67%-----Puerto Rican
- 1 or 1%-----Dominican
- 1 or 1%-----South American
- 52 or 27%-----African American
- 1 or 1%-----White
- 2 or 3%-----Other

-Income profile, number and percentage of cumulative active caseload:

- 47 or 24%-----Below \$9,420
- 22 or 11%-----\$9,420 – 12,629
- 33 or 18%-----\$12,630 – 15,839
- 24 or 12%-----\$15,840 – 19,049
- 16 or 8%-----\$19,050 – 22,259
- 13 or 67%-----\$22,260 – 25,469
- 17 or 87%-----\$25,470 – 28,679
- 9 or 46%-----\$28,680 – 31,890
- 14 or 71%-----\$31,890 or above

IV. COUNSELING SESSIONS:

The Leadership Development at Trenton Central High School generated 1,380 counseling sessions during the 1999 – 2000 school year. Its breakdown is as follows:

	Number	Percentage
*Initial Session	94	07%
*Career Counseling	224	16%
*Academic Counseling	162	12%
*Admissions Counseling	00	00%
*Financial Aid Counseling	00	00%
*Leadership Development	748	54%
*Personal Counseling	25	02%
*Home Visits	06	.004%
*Club meetings	121	09%
*Case Conference	00	00%
*TOTAL	1,380	100% +/-

V. RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES:

The strategy implemented to recruit students consisted of referral from guidance counselors and teachers, club meetings, person-to-person contact, and referrals from ASPIRANTES.

VI. PLACEMENTS

The following students were placed in post-secondary institutions:

1. Ismael Rivera	United States Marine Corps
2. Xavier Matos	The College of New Jersey
3. Guerline Guerrier	The College of New Jersey
4. Jose Lozada	Stevens Institute of Technology
5. Fransisca Santiago	Mercer County Community College
6. Gaytrie Naitram	Mercer County Community College
7. Madelyn Reyes	Mercer County Community College
8. John Dumeng	Mercer County Community College
9. Leticia Zenquis	Mercer County Community College
10. Eric Ortiz	Mercer County Community College
11. German Ortiz Jr.	United States Marine Corps

-IN TERMS OF THE CLOSED CASES, THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

MALE AND FEMALE

	Number	Percentage
*Male	6	55%
*Female	5	45%
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*Total	11	100%

ETHNICITY

	Number	Percentage
*Puerto Rican	9	82%
*Other	2	18%
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*Total	11	100%

INCOME

	Number	Percentage
*Below--\$9,420	0	0%
*\$9,420-12,629	0	0%
*\$12,630-15,839	0	0%
*\$15,840-19,049	0	0%
*\$19,050-22,259	1	9%
*\$22,260-25,469	0	0%
*\$25,470-28,679	9	82%
*\$28,680-31,890	0	0%
*\$31,890-above	1	9%
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	11	100% +/-

VII. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **ASPIRA Charter Day Anniversary, Newark New Jersey, November 18, 1999, 17 students attended.**
2. **College Fair @ Burlington College, Glassboro New Jersey, November 16, 1999, 16 students attended.**
3. **ASPIRA Dinner @ Cocina criolla, Trenton New Jersey, January 14, 2000, 18 students attended.**
4. **College Fair @ Rowan University, Glassboro New Jersey, January 28, 2000, 12 students attended.**
5. **Valentine's Day Dance, Trenton New Jersey, February 12, 2000, 20 students attended.**
6. **Workshop, Getting to Know Each Other, Trenton New Jersey, March 1, 2000, 34 students attended.**
7. **Workshop, Politics, Trenton New Jersey, April 26, 2000, 27 students attended.**
8. **ASPIRA Talent Show, Trenton New Jersey, May 5, 2000, 27 students attended.**
9. **ASPIRA Awards Ceremony, Newark New Jersey, June 30, 2000, 7 students attended.**

VIII. CLUB ACTIVITIES

1. Club meeting, TCHS, November 10th, 15 students.
2. Club meeting, TCHS, November 15th, 4 students.
3. Club meeting, TCHS, November 22nd, 3 students.
4. Club meeting, TCHS, November 29th, 4 students.
5. Club meeting, TCHS, December 1st, 21 students.
6. Club meeting, TCHS, December 8th, 38 students.
7. Club meeting, TCHS, December 22nd, 31 students.
8. Club meeting, TCHS, January 19th, 25 students.
9. Club meeting, TCHS, January 21st, 19 students.
10. Club meeting, TCHS, February 11th, 18 students.
11. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, February 16th, 14 students.
12. Club meeting, TCHS, February 17th, 19 students.
13. Club meeting, TCHS, March 8th, 39 students.
14. Club meeting, TCHS, March 15th, 16 students.
15. Club meeting, TCHS, March 29th, 22 students.
16. Club meeting, TCHS, April 12th, 18 students.
17. Club meeting, TCHS, April 17th, 4 students.
18. Club meeting, TCHS, April 26th, 27 students.
19. Club meeting, TCHS, May 1st, 9 students.
20. Club meeting, TCHS, May 10th, 18 students.
21. Club meeting, TCHS, May 16th, 6 students.
22. Club meeting, TCHS, May 17th, 16 students.
23. Club meeting, TCHS, May 24th, 19 students.
24. Club meeting, TCHS, May 31st, 22 students.
25. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, June 5th, 8 students.
26. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, June 7th, 12 students.
27. Club meeting, TCHS, June 7th, 21 students.
28. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, June 9th, 15 students.

X. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Hector Bonilla, Vice Principal @ TCHS.**
2. **Detective Luis Medina, TPD Youth Section.**
3. **Ximena Haleski, The Sharing Network, Organ & Tissue Donor Representative.**
4. **Priscilla Dawson, Principal @ TCHS.**

IX. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

1. ASPIRA Charter Day Anniversary, Executive office, November 18.
2. ASPIRA Annual Luncheon, Newark, March 9.
3. ASPIRA Café Teatro, Newark, May 19.
4. ASPIRA Annual Breakfast, Newark, June 16.
5. ASPIRA Awards Ceremony, Newark, June 30.

ACTIVITIES FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

TRENTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL & DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 1999

1. Club meeting, TCHS, November 10th, 15 students.
2. Club meeting, TCHS, November 15th, 4 students.
3. Alma Kick-off Program, November 15th, 4 students.
4. College Fair @ Burlington College, November 16th, 16 students.
5. Charter Day Celebration, November 18th, 17 students.
6. Club meeting, TCHS, November 22nd, 3 students.
7. Club meeting, TCHS, November 29th, 4 students.

December 1999

1. Club meeting, TCHS, December 1st, 21 students.
2. Community service, TCHS, December 2nd, 18 students.
3. Club meeting, TCHS, December 8th, 38 students.
4. Trip, ASPIRA STRIDES, December 14th, 2 students.
5. Christmas party, TCHS, December 17th, 24 students.
6. Club meeting, TCHS, December 22nd, 31 students.

January 2000

1. Workshop, TCHS, January 6th, 9 students.
2. Community service, TCHS, January 11th, 13 students.
3. Workshop, Dunn Middle School, January 12th, 15 students.
4. Dinner @ Cocina Criolla, January 14th, 18 students.
5. Club meeting, TCHS, January 19th, 25 students.
6. Club meeting, TCHS, January 21st, 19 students.
7. Community service, TCHS, January 22nd, 17 students.
8. Community service, TCHS, January 26th, 3 students.
9. Trip to Rowan University, TCHS, January 28th, 12 students.

February 2000

1. Community service, TCHS, February 10th, 17 students.
2. Valentine's Party, TCHS & Dunn, February 12th, 20 students.
3. Club meeting, TCHS, February 11th, 18 students.
4. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, February 16th, 14 students.
5. Club meeting, TCHS, February 17th, 19 students.
6. Latin History Class, TCHS, February 28th, 9 students.

March 2000

1. Workshop, TCHS, March 1st, 34 students.
2. Workshop, TCHS, March 7th, 27 students.
3. Club meeting, TCHS, March 8th, 39 students.
4. Party, TCHS, March 13th, 23 students.

5. Club meeting, TCHS, March 15th, 16 students.
6. Volleyball, TCHS, March 16th, 15 students.
7. Workshop, Dunn Middle School, March 22nd, 12 students.
8. Pizza party, Dunn Middle School, March 24th, 19 students.
9. Club meeting, TCHS, March 29th, 22 students.

April 2000

1. Talent show rehearsal, TCHS, April 3rd, 9 students.
2. Talent show rehearsal, TCHS, April 4th, 8 students.
3. Talent show rehearsal, TCHS, April 5th, 14 students.
4. Community service, TCHS, April 11th, 11 students.
5. Club meeting, TCHS, April 12th, 18 students.
6. Club meeting, TCHS, April 17th, 4 students.
7. Community service, TCHS, April 19th, 2 students.
8. Community service, TCHS, April 20th, 5 students.
9. Club meeting, TCHS, April 26th, 27 students.
10. Workshop, TCHS, April 26th, 27 students.

May 2000

1. Club meeting, TCHS, May 1st, 9 students.
2. Trip, Law Day Program, TCHS, May 3rd, 18 students.
3. Talent Show, TCHS, May 5th, 27 students.
4. Community service, TCHS, May 10th, 5 students.
5. Club meeting, TCHS, May 10th, 18 students.
6. Club meeting, TCHS, May 16th, 6 students.
7. Club meeting, TCHS, May 17th, 16 students.
8. Trip, Café Teatro, TCHS, May 19th, 20 students.
9. Tutoring, Dunn Middle School, May 23rd, 3 students.
10. Club meeting, TCHS, May 24th, 19 students.
11. Community service, TCHS, May 26th, 11 students.
12. Club meeting, TCHS, May 31st, 22 students.

June 2000

1. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, June 5th, 8 students.
2. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, June 7th, 12 students.
3. Club meeting, TCHS, June 7th, 21 students.
4. Club meeting, Dunn Middle School, June 9th, 15 students.
5. End of year party, TCHS, June 9th, 22 students.
6. ASPIRA Awards Ceremony, TCHS & Dunn MS, June 30th, 7 students.